under International Competitive Bidding, even though they were qualified to do so. All the proposals received were from foreign companies/foreign company led Consortiums, so the question of awarding/not awarding the contract to BHEL does not arise. BHEL, however, was a member of the Consortium led by M/S Nisso-Iwai Corporation of Japan which could not be awarded the contract as they were not the lowest evaluated substantially responsive bidder.

Number of Electrified Villages in the Country

1771. SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of villages electrified in the country so far, State-wise; and

(b) the number of villages to be electrified by Government during the year 1992-93, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) and (b) State-wise details of the number of villages electrified as on 31-3-1992 and the target fixed by the Planning Commission for the year 1992-93 are given in Statement.

Statement

S. No.	States	Total No. of villages (1981-Census)	No. of electrified villages as on 31-3-92 (Prov.)	Target for the year 1992-93
1	Andhra Pradesh	27379	27358	—
2	Arunachal Pradesh	3257	1625	200
3	Assam	21995	21385	50
4	Bihar	67546	47240	400
5	Goa	386	377	—
6	Gujarat	18114	17892	—
7	Haryana	6745	6745	—
8	Himachal Pradesh	16807	16761	—
9	Jammu & Kashmir	6477	6162	10
10	Karnataka	27028	26483	—
11	Kerala	1219	1219	—
12	Madhya Pradesh	71352	64488	950
13	Maharashtra	39354	39106	—
14	Manipur	2035	1580	190
15	Meghalaya	4902	2315	55
16	Mizoram	721	517	50
17	Nagaland	1112	1099	—
18	Orissa	46553	32082	1100
19	Punjab	12342	12342	—
20	Rajasthan	34968	27777	565
21	Sikkim	440	405	—
22	Tamil Nadu	15831	15822	—
23	Tripura	856*	3028**	130
24	Uttar Pradesh	112566	82865	995
25	West Bengal	38024	28020	545
	TOTAL (States)	578009	484693	5240
	TOTAL (U.Ts.)	1123	1120	—
	TOTAL (All-India)	579132	485813	5240

*4727 villages as per 1971 census.
**Achievement as per 1971 census.